UGC funding to State universities

2772. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 44 State universities have been denied UGC funding during the last financial year;

(b) if so, whether situation is likely to be same for 2005-06;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether under rule it is mandatory for the universities to submit the certificate for utilization of the funds before sanctioning further grants; and

(e) the States where these Universities are located and the action Government propose to take against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission provides grants to eligible universities and colleges included under section 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956. The UGC could not release the next instalment of the grant to the following universities for the reasons that these universities have not submitted provisional Utilization Certificate against the grant released earlier:

1. Shivaji University, Maharashtra
2. Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu
3. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra, U.P.
4. Rabindra Bharati University, West Bengal

Further release of grant would depend on the availability of the Utilization Certificates mentioned above.

Financial Assitance to Maharashtra Boards

2773. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union

Government to provide financial assistance to the State Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards which are giving quality education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's response thereto; and

(d) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) During the current financial year, no such proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra in this regard.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Vocational education and training

2774. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to send detailed proposal for financial assistance under the revised scheme of the Vocational Education and Training *vide* communication dated the 9th June, 2005;

(b) if so, the detailed thereof;

(c) whether some of the State Governments have since submitted their proposal for implementing the Centrally sponsored + 2 level Vocational Education Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether these proposals have been approved; and

(f) if not, by when these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) Project proposals for expansion during 2005-06 under the existing scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at + 2 level have been invited from various States Government during the year. New expansion proposals have been received from the State Governments of Uttaranchal, Sikkim,